



CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST BEDE

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3rd Sunday of the year

Sunday 21st January 2024

WEEKLY MASSES

Tuesday	10.00am
Thursday	10.00am
Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	10.00am

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th January 6.00pm
Maureen Jack (Rip)

Sunday 28th January

Confirmation Mass of Enrolment

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Next preparation class:

Weds 24th January at 4.30pm

CONFIRMATION 2024

We look forward to welcoming those who have applied to join the Confirmation preparation classes this year.

Please refer to the list of dates which has been issued, and note these in your diary.

Classes begin on Wednesday 24th January at 7pm.

Candidates will be enrolled at 10am Mass on Sun 28th Jan

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

10am Sunday Mass

No Children's Liturgy during Christmas Holidays .

PARISH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (PDC)

Next Meeting – Tues 30th Jan

The PDC is a group of volunteers who assist Fr John with the day-to-day running of the parish. If you would like to join the group, please drop us an email, or speak to one of the Parish Team.

HELP YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY FOCUSED IN MASS

Feel free to borrow books from the rack in the church porch during Mass. ***Please remember to return these on your way out!***

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th to 25th January

The annual United Service will take place on Sunday 21st January at 3.30pm at All Saints Church.

We hope many of you will support this important ecumenical event.

GIFT AID

Your donations to the parish can be increased by 25%?

If you are a UK tax payer, you can sign a Gift Aid declaration, enabling the parish to claim an additional 25% on your donations, at no additional expense to you. Forms available in the church porch or from the parish office.

CHURCHES TOGETHER WELCOME SPACES

Following on from our Warm Spaces initiative last winter, we have been exploring more effective ways to offer a warm welcome this year, and it was decided that tapping into existing activities may be the best option. Posters are on display, advertising the following opportunities:

Mondays at Café O – 8.45am to 11.45am

at St Oswald's Church, Malvern Way.

Fridays at the Drop in Café – 10.30am to 12noon

at All Saints Church, The Green.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Please make use of our DCP (Digital Collection Plate) in the church porch.

Donations to the parish, Mass Intentions, and payments for items from the Repository (SHOP), etc., can be made with your debit/credit cards. There is also a Gift Aid option (where appropriate), which requires a one-time-only registration for each card used. If you have any difficulties or queries, please speak to one of the Parish Team.

REFRESHMENTS AFTER SUNDAY 10am MASS

Everyone is welcome to join us for tea/coffee & cake in the Hall after Mass on 28th January.

THURSDAY CLUB

Many thanks to Louise and her helpers for providing the delicious Post-Christmas Lunch last Thursday, which was enjoyed by everyone who attended! All are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings for tea/coffee & cake in the Hall, following 10am Mass.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER NEEDED FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We are urgently seeking one more new member for the Finance Committee, to assist with decision making and financial planning for the future of the parish. A financial background is not a necessity. Committee meetings take place four times a year. Please speak to Fr John or one of the Parish Team if you can help.

ST BEDE'S GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

The re-organisation of the Garden of Remembrance is currently a project in progress. Our plans to install a display board recording the names of those interred will be taken forward as soon as parish finances permit. In the meantime, thank you to those who have been in contact. We will keep your details on file and let you know when we are ready to take the next step.

Girl guiding in Croxley

Girl guiding is trying to recruit some volunteers.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Janet Eavis
07790 476050

DEMENTIA FRIENDS / ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Thurs 15th February – 2.30pm
at All Saints Church

A talk on how churches, church buildings and church people can better accommodate people with dementia, their families, friends and carers. Everyone welcome. It is hoped that each of the Croxley churches will be represented at this meeting, so feedback can be given to our congregations.

If you are willing to attend on behalf of the parish please speak to Ursula (07771 578562)

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Catholic Children's Society would like to Thank the Parishioners of St Bede for your generous support this year and for your donation of £933.54 Thank you so much for we are grateful for your kind gift and support.

6TH RICKMANSWORTH SEA SCOUT GROUP

welcomes new members. Please take a leaflet (in church porch) or contact Group Scout Leader - Chris Doran.
Tel: 01923 776035 / 07792 103736
Email: info@6thrickyseascouts.org.uk

LORETO COLLEGE

The Governors of Loreto College (St Albans) have recently agreed to propose some changes to their admissions criteria for 2025/2026. The full detail is available on the website. <https://www.loreto.herts.sch.uk/Admissions/Admissions-Consultation-2025/>

Written comments are welcomed by the closing date of the formal consultation, 9am on 31st January 2024 - these should be emailed to swilliams@loreto.herts.sch.uk

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and the practice of love, honesty, respect, support and accountability are essential parts of our Catholic ministry and mission. All people should be valued, supported and protected from harm, and we recognise the personal dignity and rights of vulnerable people towards whom the church has a special responsibility. If you have any concerns, or would like to know more please contact: Ursula Bartlett - 07771 578562 croxleygreensg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk Further information available at <https://rcdow.org.uk/safeguarding/creating-a-safe-environment/>

CROXLEY PARISH NURSES

'Let's Talk About Mental Health'
A series of drop-ins about Mental Health on the following dates:

Fri 26th Jan – Mental Wellbeing
Fri 23rd Feb – Depression
Fri 22nd Mar – Anxiety & Stress
Fri 26th Apr – Bipolar Disorder
Fri 24th May – Self Harm
Fri 28th June – M/health First Aid
Venue: All Saints Church
Committee Meeting Room
Time: 12.30 to 2pm
with tea/coffee & biscuits

Contact: Ruth Owusu-Ansah
croxleyparishnurse.ruth@gmail.com
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Tel: 07305 084948

PARISH NURSE PROJECT

<https://www.croxleyparishnurse.org/>

Seeking to appoint a volunteer to assist the Trustees of Churches in Croxley Green CIO to support our two Parish Nurses. We are entirely funded by donations and grants and are looking for a volunteer to help with fundraising activities. If you are interested please **contact David Reilly at cicgciotreasurer@gmail.com**

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION GROUP

– 7pm to 9pm on Thursday 25th January at The Kitchen, Croxley.
An opportunity for people of all faiths and none to discuss a variety of topics with other local people.
Topic: What Gives Your Life Meaning in Croxley?
Chaired by Aaron Goldstein.
Further details available from Ben Guest – 07703 485968

SUPPORTING FAIRTRADE

St Bede's is a Fairtrade parish, so we encourage you to look out for the familiar logo when you are shopping.
Further details available from: <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk>

FINANCIAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS TO 31ST DECEMBER 2022

This document is now available on the parish website (paper copies on request).

We are most grateful to David Reilly, retiring Chair of Finance, for preparing this document, and for his unstinting dedication to managing the parish finances for many years. At the recent Finance Committee Meeting, we presented David with a gift as a token of our thanks and appreciation. We will miss him.